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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, MASS, PFOR, LA

SUBJECT: SISOUK'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. WE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM AID/W THIS MORNING INFORMING US THAT SISOUK HAD RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM VIENTIANE INSTRUCTING HIM TO PROCEED TO TOKYO FOR CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO BEGIN MORNING OF OCTOBER 11 AND LAST TWO OR THREE DAYS. WE IMMEDIATELY CALLED FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL PLATTHANA CHOUNRAMANY WHO CONFIRMED THAT INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN SENT TO SISOUK IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

2. WE THEN CALLED PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER PRIME MINISTER WAS AWARE OF SCHEDULE ARRANGED FOR SISOUK IN WASHINGTON OCTOBER 9-12. WE WERE INFORMED THAT MEETING WAS IN FACT THEN UNDERWAY BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER AND PLATTHANA ON SUBJECT. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE CALLED BACK A FEW MINUTES LATER TO SAY THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD ASKED US TO ARRANGE

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SISOUK'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM TO FACILITATE HIS

ATTENDANCE AT TOKYO CONFERENCE. OCTOBER 11. PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT "VERY IMPORTANT DECISIONS" WOULD BE MADE AT TOKYO WHICH REQUIRED SISOUK'S PRESENCE AND NO MINISTERIAL SUBSTITUTE WAS AVAILABLE IN VIENTIANE. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD ASKED NGON SANANIKONE TO ATTEND TOKYO CONFERENCE BUT LATTER HAD PLEADED PRESSURE OF WORK AND ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS WITH LPF. SECSTATE FOR NATIONAL ECONOMY HOUMPHANH SAIGNASITH IS ILL WITH SUSPECTED MENINGITIS IN BANGKOK. PRIME MINISTER THUS ASKED OUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, USAID DIRECTOR MANN WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE INDICATED THAT SISOUK WAS INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO LAOS IMMEDIATELY AFTER TOKYO CONFERENCE. IT WILL THUS HOPEFULLY BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO MEET WITH MR. NOOTER DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO VIENTIANE OCTOBER 21-24.

4. FOR EA/LC: PLEASE INFORM MR. DEAN IN BOSTON OF FOREGOING URGENTLY.
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